

# Sea water too costly for ICI

Imperial Chemical Industries would go out of business on Tees-side if it had to use sea water, Alderman Sir Charles Allison, chairman of the Tees Valley Water Board, said in Middlesbrough on Tuesday. It would cost at least six times as much as fresh water even using the most modern desalination equipment.

Alderman Lewis Taylor said I.C.I.—which produces fertilizers, plastics, and synthetics on Tees-side—would have been using sea water instead of urging the Water Board to build more reservoirs if desalination had been an economic proposition.

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